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FOR MATLOCK FROM GARRISON

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: OFFICIAL-INFORMAL

1. WE NOTE THAT THE PROTOCOL OF THE LATEST KIEV ROUND
REFERRED TO ROBIN AS CHIEF OF THE ADVANCE PARTY IN KIEV.
ISN'T THIS PREMATURE, SINCE WE ARE STILL HOLDING BACK
FROM ANY ADVANCE PARTY AS SUCH IN NEW YORK?

2. IT WAS DECIDED AT HIGH LEVEL YESTERDAY TO GO AHEAD
WITH PLANNING FOR THE SEVEN SUB-CABINET JOINT COMMITTEES
NOT PREVIOUSLY POSTPONED. WE WILL NEED TO DO SOME STAFF
WORK HERE BEFORE LETTING U.S. LEAD AGENCIES KNOW AND WE
WISH TO AVOID A RUSH TO THE SOVIETS TO START THINGS
GOING OR A BUNCHING OF MEETINGS IN OCTOBER. THEREFORE
DECISION WILL BE CONVEYED TO YOU PIECEMEAL AND THERE MAY
BE SOME TIME LAGS. SUGGEST YOU KEEP THIS TO YOURSELF FOR
THE TIME BEING LEST THE DECISION TRICKLY OUT TO THE SOVIETS
THERE BEFORE ALL THE NECESSARY STEPS HAVE BEEN ACCOMPLISHED
HERE. OUR FIRST PROPOSED STEP IS TO GIVE THE GO-AHEAD
FOR OCTOBER HEALTH/HEART MEETINGS AND TELL SOVIETS THAT
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OCTOBER DATES FOR ATOMIC ENERGY NOT FEASIBLE AND THAT

LATE NOVEMBER ONLY POSSIBILITY. SIGNS ARE STILL NEGATIVE ON COMMERCIAL, ENERGY AND HOUSING MEETINGS BUT THERE IS SOME CHANCE OF MOVEMENT ON FIRST.

3. RE VICTOR LOUIS, WE WILL HAVE TO GO BACK TO INS FOR REVALIDATION OF HIS WAIVER WHEN HE RESCHEDULES HIS TRIP, BUT WE EXPECT THAT WE CAN OBTAIN THE REVALIDATION WITHOUT DIFFICULTY. LET US KNOW IN THE REGULAR CHANNEL WHEN HE HAS A NEW ITINERARY.

4. RE NASA MEETING, THEIR EAGERNESS HAS FADED CONSIDERABLY AT WORKING LEVEL. THEY BELIEVE SOVIET PLOY IS TO HAVE THEIR GROUP HERE WHEN SALYUT STATION BREAKS OUR MANNED SPACE FLIGHT RECORD. THEY ARE LESS INTERESTED IN SHUTTLE AND WANT TO EXPLORE MULTILATERAL APPROACH TO SPACE PLATFORM. ANYHOW WHAT THEY SEEM TO HAVE IN MIND IS FRUTKIN-VERESCHETIN MEETING IN LATE OCTOBER AND THEY ARE IN NO GREAT RUSH TO RESPOND TO SOVIETS. PARAGRAPH ON COMMITTEE MEETINGS DRAFTED BEFORE RECEIPT YOUR 11929 BUT ANSWERS YOUR QUESTIONS. KISSINGER

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